



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6715

LCO No. 3214



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING CONNECTICUT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE
AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REGARDING
DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Not later than January 1,
2 2016, the Office of Higher Education shall enter into a multistate or
3 regional reciprocity agreement for purposes of enabling the state and
4 Connecticut institutions of higher education to participate in a nation-
5 wide state authorization reciprocity agreement (1) establishing
6 uniform standards for distance learning programs across states, and (2)
7 eliminating the need for a state participating in such nation-wide state
8 authorization reciprocity agreement to assess the quality of a distance
9 learning program offered by an out-of-state institution of higher
10 education through such participating state's authorization, licensing
11 and accreditation process.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require participation in the nation-wide state authorization reciprocity agreement.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]